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02 1930. (Amended) A masonry block comprising a front surface and a back surface, a top surface and bottom surface, and first and second sides, said first side having a first inset wherein said first inset spans from said block top surface to said block bottom surface, [at least one] a protrusion on one of said block top or bottom surfaces, and, first and second legs, said first leg extending from said block first side and said second leg extending from said block second side, said protrusion comprising first and second side surfaces wherein first side surface is angled to interlock with one or more blocks positioned adjacent said composite masonry block, and said second protrusion side surface is angled to facilitate manufacture.

#### REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the care and diligence exercised in examining this application.

Applicants have amended the specification to identify element 44 of Figure 12.

Further, Applicants have amended claim 1 to delete the term "at least". This term was inserted into claims 17 and 30 to overcome the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph in the Office Action mailed April 25, 1996. Applicants note that at page 3 of that Office Action, the Examiner states at lines 7-9, "claim 17 and 30 recite a block having 'a protrusion', and claims 28, 29, 38 and 39 recite a block having 'a first and second protrusion'". The Examiner suggested that claim 17 and 30